

House Resolution No. 492

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are continually impressed with the longevity experienced by those citizens who attain the status of nonagenarian and pause to recognize this tremendous milestone in the life of an esteemed resident of Ravenwood, Missouri; and

Whereas, Verdant DeLong Crater commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday during an open house hosted by her loved ones on February 16, 2003, at the Ravenwood United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall; and

Whereas, on February 11, 1913, in Ravenwood, God brought a special gift to this great state with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Verdant, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Verdant Crater had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage on June 6, 1931, to Howard Burton Crater (deceased) in Troy, Kansas; and the births of one son and two daughters; and

Whereas, God has blessed Verdant Crater with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children, Burton Crater, who is an angel in heaven, Beverly Wilson of Golden, Colorado, and Bernita Sapp of Huntsville, Alabama; nine grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Verdant Crater has further distinguished herself as an active church member, American Red Cross volunteer, and incredible friend and neighbor:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Verdant Crater at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Verdant DeLong Crater, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 492, adopted February 25, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker